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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **three (3) months**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$980.00**.

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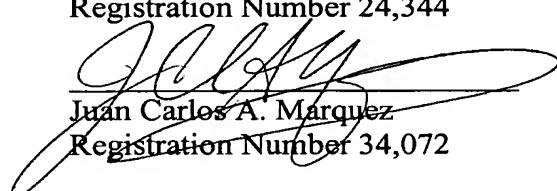
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